

**BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 13, 2023

PRESENT: Jeff Molitor (President) Kate Kurfess Rev. Heidi Fish
Paul Larmore Judy Rasmussen (Rec. Sec)
ABSENT: Jaye Lill (VP), Sue Rasmussen (Treasurer)
GUEST: Joy Halladay

Meeting called to order by Jeff at 12:50pm

Devotions – Round Table Prayer.

Minutes from July – Minutes were read and approved.

TREASURERS REPORT:

There is no Treasurer's report at this time.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Pastor Reviewed dates she will be of in September, October and November.
- Mitch White is no longer working with pastor or attending this church. A new volunteer is needed. People should talk with Pastor regarding this.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Money Handling Update: Install of lock box is completed. Two people to handle and drop off on Sundays and two people to count (usually on Monday's)
- We need a volunteer to compile hard copies of minutes and meetings.
- The Recycling event scheduled for October has been cancelled.
- Hot dogs & Parade report: Joy figures we gave away about 300 hot dogs. She also liked the table configuration.
- Question: Has a plug been set up on the van so taillights can be plugged into trailer?
ANSWER: Yes and it works.
- Nominating committee: Council needs to notify how many positions are open. Three people are needed to replace Kate Kurfess, Jay and Wolfgang Lill. Jeff Molitor's term for council end in 2024. Kate Kurfess (or her replacement) and Paul Larmore's terms end in 2025.
- Pastor and Judy will compile versions of congregational minutes into one document.
- Items on hold for September 3rd meeting: Growth Strategy forms from congregation to be discussed, Alcohol Policy Consideration and review of Agreement Renewal with Steve Waldron

NEW BUSINESS

- Sue is to hold the next water bill until September 3rd.
- Needed: Committee meeting before Pastor's September Vacation.

COMMITTEES

- Worship & Music (WAM) Meet often (about every 5 weeks) to choose hymns.
- Facilities: We want to have the window in the rental house repaired by September 13th. If not done we will ask the renter to find someone to get the job done and have it taken out of their rent.
- BCS: The committee continues to meet about every 6 weeks to pick out hymns and special music.

Community Connections: No report at this time.

Finance Committee: Pastor talked to offering Keith Cottrill a temporary paid position to set up Quick Books

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm – Next Council Meeting: September 3, 2023

Pastor Heidi will lead in devotions.

Submitted in Christ's Service

Judy Rasmussen – Recording Secretary